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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time under CFR 1.136(a) for the Response to Office Action submitted here within. This petition and the accompanying Response to the Office Action are being submitted on or before February 19, 2004, the Office Action having been mailed August 19, 2003. Please see the accompanying Fee Transmittal for the correct fee under CFR § 1.17(a) of \$950 for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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